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After John Wilkes Booth began drinking at the Kirkwood House bar in Wash. DC, at 3 P.M. At 4 PM he arrived at Deery's Saloon and ordered a bottle of brandy. Two hours later he was drinking whiskey at TALTAVUL'S Saloon (next door to Ford's Theater). Having made final arrangements for his impending crisis, Booth returned at 9:30 to Taltavul's where Pres Lincoln's valet Charles Forbes, his coachman Francis Burns, and his body guard

on alcoholic policemen were all drinking
At 10:15, while Parker continued to drink thus
leaving the Pres unprotected, Booth left, went next
door to Ford's Theater, and shot Lincoln.
Meanwhile George ATZERODT, Booth's fellow
conspirator, who was supposed to assassinate
Vice Pres. Andrew Johnson had become so
drunk and frightened that he abandoned
the plan.